

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph starting at page 1, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The invention relates to a heating assembly with a PTC element, in particular for a motor vehicle, ~~according to the precharacterizing clause of claim 1.~~

Please insert the following at page 1, line 7:

BACKGROUND

Please insert the following at page 1, line 36:

SUMMARY

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 1.

Please insert the following at page 3, line 9:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please insert the following at page 3, line 33:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

To bring about optimum efficiency of the PTC element 2, the ratio $\frac{R_{PTC}}{R_b} \frac{P_{PTC}}{P_b}$ should be chosen to be as great as possible. Furthermore, however, the ratio of $P_{\text{adhesion} + \text{PTC without enforced relaxation}} / P_{\text{adhesion} + \text{PTC after enforced relaxation}}$ should lie as close as possible to 1. In this case, the ratio of $\frac{R_{PTC}}{R_b} \frac{P_{PTC}}{P_b}$ lies in particular between about 4 and 40 and the ratio of $P_{\text{adhesion} + \text{PTC without enforced relaxation}} / P_{\text{adhesion} + \text{PTC after enforced relaxation}}$ lies between about 1.2 and 1.02.